

# MANY QUENCH THEIR THIRST IN PT. MARION

Thousand Tickets for Oasis Sold in Fairmont in Two Days.

FAIRMONT, Jan. 1.—Over 1,000 tickets were sold between this point and Point Marion, Pa., the latter part of the week. These figures include tickets on both railroads and the records were taken from the railroad record of tickets sold between these two points. All the trains coming from the Point on Friday and Saturday were crowded with passengers, most of them lugging bags and suitcases of wet goods.

Rates to various points over the Monongahela railway have been lowered in the new schedule announced several days ago and going into effect January 15. The new fares to Chicago and New York are much lower and intermediate points are lowered in proportion.

A message received here announced the death at Mt. Clemens, Mich., of U. S. Kendall, a former citizen of this city, which occurred there on Christmas day. The body was taken to Somerset county, Pa., for burial. Judge Kendall was at one time judge of the intermediate court of Marion county and was also mayor of the city for a term.

The Marion County Medical Society held a banquet at Cook's hospital Tuesday evening of this week. Dr. H. R. Johnson presided as toastmaster, and toasts were given by Drs. H. H. Carr, J. A. Graham, C. O. Henry, W. H. Sands, J. W. McDonald and the Rev. A. H. Beavin. Fifty members of the medical society were present. Officers were elected at a business meeting following the banquet as follows: President, Dr. C. L. Holland; secretary, Dr. H. R. Johnson; censor, Dr. A. B. Smith; treasurer, Dr. W. H. Sands. Drs. C. W. Waddell and A. L. Peters were named as delegates to attend the state medical society meeting.

The home of City Commissioner J. Walter Barnes was entered by thieves Tuesday evening and several valuable articles stolen. Among the stolen articles were two valuable necklaces and gold watch. No clue has been found to the robbers.

Joseph W. Thompson, of Uniontown, Pa., former president of the defunct Uniontown bank was a business visitor here Wednesday. While here he consulted with H. W. Shwalter, the latter having been active in New York during the last few months in the interest of Mr. Thompson.

According to the records in the office of County Clerk Arthur C. Martin, of the Marion county court, Dame Cupid has not been so busy in this year as last, not near so many marriage licenses having been issued in 1915 as were issued in the year 1914. The records show that 350 licenses had been issued this year, while 1914 showed a total of 437.

Within the last two months there has been started in this city a new industry which bids fair to be one of the largest of its kind in the United States. The name of the firm is the Universal Products company, which are all kinds of food and remedies for fowls and remedies for horses, have already found a ready sale. The products all go under the name of "Uprico." E. A. Bartlett, formerly of Clarksville, is manager of the company, and the stockholders are H. L. Heinzelman, J. M. Brownfield, R. T. Cunningham, O. A. Woods, Homer Hall, S. S. Cochran, L. M. Davis, H. H. Lanham, John Y. Hite and E. A. Bartlett. A factory has been established on Main street, this city, and about thirty-five men and girls are employed.

Dr. Isaac Taylor Headland, a re-

# ANOTHER KNIGHT OF THE GRIP OUT FOR NERV-WORTH

H. E. Ashbaugh, Tobacco Salesman, Recommends the Tonic.

Not long since, in this space, there appeared an endorsement of Nerv-Worth by E. J. Belcamp, a traveling man whose long service on the road in the cotton states had wrecked his digestion, but who had found wonderful benefits in Nerv-Worth. Here is another endorsement of like nature from another experienced traveling man, H. E. Ashbaugh, of Parkersburg, who represents the Liggett and Myers Co., of St. Louis. "I purchased a bottle of Nerv-Worth at Charleston, W. Va. I had stomach trouble and indigestion and was a poor sleeper. Have taken Nerv-Worth treatment and my stomach trouble is better. Sleep well, general condition improved. I recommend the medicine. (Signed) "H. E. ASHBAUGH." Mr. Ashbaugh is one of the best known traveling men of West Virginia. He has been on the road 32 years. All the merchants in the state know him and accept what he says. His endorsement of Nerv-Worth will carry great weight. At Burke's drug store, where Nerv-Worth is sold exclusively in Clarksville, they can give you other equally good evidence of the tonic's merits. Ask for a free sample dose. If you buy a bottle and don't get results you can get your dollar back. Advertisement.

turned missionary from Japan, will deliver a series of five lectures in the First Methodist Episcopal church in this city beginning Monday, January 3. The lectures will be in observance of the week of prayer and Dr. Headland comes here under the direction of the Ministerial Association.

Extension to the Monongahela Valley Traction Company's lines to be paid for out of the \$1,000,000 worth of bonds issued after the recent merger of the company with the Fairmont Gas Company was discussed here Wednesday when a party of eastern capitalists visited the city in the interest of the development of this end of the state. The visitors included J. W. Iglehart of Hambleton and Company, bankers, of New York and Baltimore, and five men associated with Knapp, Nachod and Kuhn, international bankers, of New York, including W. H. McAfee, F. W. Seymour, J. B. Hoyt, H. B. Wolfenden and L. D. Roberts.

Fairmont business men, including George T. Watson, J. O. Watson, H. L. Kingland, Tusca Morris and E. B. Moore accompanied the eastern capitalists over an inspection trip of the lines of the Monongahela Valley Traction Company.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Hunt, of Austen, were here Monday to view the disinterred bodies of their four children who were burned to death when fire destroyed their home at Austen November 11.

A story originating in Austen that only three bodies had been found and that the fourth child had been kidnapped, instigated the investigation. The four bodies were found on disinterment.

George W. Jones, aged 69 years, a Civil war veteran, died Wednesday at his home at Mannington. He was a native of Pennsylvania. His wife and eleven children survive. The body was interred at Mannington Saturday.

Three Fairmont boys, Orville Edgar, Cecil Hawkins and Lloyd Vandergift, arrested for breaking into the store of Morgan and Vandigler were bound over to the grand jury, all waiting hearings. James L. Murphy, also under arrest, stood trial and was held on \$1,000 bond for his appearance before the March grand jury.

Among social events which have occupied the week were three Christmas dances, one on Monday night at the Masonic assembly hall for members of the younger set, the annual Christmas dance at the Country Club Wednesday night and the military ball Friday night, at which officers of the local companies on National Guard were hosts. Among distinguished visitors for the latter event were Col. and Mrs. John Bond, and Major Rice, of Charleston, and Captain and Mrs. Clarence J. Wolfe, of Anheim, W. Va. The event was held in the armory and was largely attended.

Other events of the week were the Women's Club reception on New Year's Eve, an annual event, and a number of social events for the school set home for the holidays. Among the hostesses were Misses Mignon Shovalter, Louise Rock, Amelia Bennett, Frances Raymond, Katherine Arnett, Mary Frances Hartley and Sue Kearley Watson.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brown celebrated their golden wedding anniversary New Year's day at their home in the city, holding a large afternoon reception. Mr. and Mrs. Brown, the latter formerly Miss Divinyt, Addie were married in Hazelton, Pa., January 1, 1866. Their children, all of whom were present at the reception are Adam Brown, of Shenandoah, Pa.; Robert Brown, of Alexandria, Ala.; Als John Brown, of Detroit, Mich.; Arthur Brown, of Fairmont; Mrs. A. Wick, of Cumberland, Md.; Mrs. A. Michell, Mrs. Will Hunsaker and Miss Divinyt Brown, of this city. They have fifteen children and two great grand children.

The Misses Louise and Virginia Davis and Christine Haines, of Clarksville, were guests on Thursday at a dinner party at which Miss Mary Frances Hartley was hostess, honoring her guest, Miss Mary Harsh, of Birmingham, Ala.

Misses Amelia Bennett and Florence Hutchison attended a luncheon at Clarksville Friday, at which Miss Martha Jarvis was hostess.

# SALEM HAS A ROSY OUTLOOK FOR NEW YEAR

There is Great Activity in All Pursuits and Everybody is Satisfied.

SALEM, Jan. 1.—The business outlook for Salem and adjacent territory appears promising. All four glass factories are operating at full capacity, turning out a fine quality of finished product with orders booked ahead, and a prospect of an advance in price for product and labor.

The oil operations are promising. The new high price for oil has stimulated work many new locations being made in the local field. The new Turkey run, of Halls run, near the city looks promising and is showing considerable activity.

The gas operations are at their usual activity.

Building continues very active and Salem's new population is now comfortably housed.

The new Salem college building and the new gymnasium are both receiving their finishing touches. Prospects are promising for extensive improvements this year that will no doubt extend along the line of improving the water system, and the extension of the sanitary sewer system. An imperative demand for this is apparent, for this much-needed sanitary necessity, to safeguard

# OIL AND GAS DEVELOPMENT OF TRI-STATE

Latest Reports of Operations in West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Gushers had no place in the eastern fields at the close of the old or beginning of the new year. Few completions were reported at the close of the week and with one exception all were light producers or dry holes. The one exception for the week was Trainer Brothers and Company's No. 3 on the Dotson farm, located on Long run, Central district, Doddridge county. The well was drilled through the Big Injun and is estimated to be good for 100 barrels a day. On Big Isaac creek, Greenbrier district, Doddridge county, Helmer and Company drilled their second test on the W. L. Slusser far into the Gordons stry and the hole filled up with fluid the first twenty-four hours. They will drill to the fifth sand before making a test in the stry sand.

On Elk run, Teahmle district, Harrison county, the Bloom Oil Company drilled its test on the Charles Lanham farm through the sand and the hole filled up 500 feet with fluid. It will make a light producer in the fourth sand. On the same stream in Elk district, Flint and Strother drilled a test on the John D. Pickins farm through the fifth sand and secured a fair gasser.

On Little creek, Spencer district, Boone county, the United Fuel and Gas Company has a gasser in the Big Injun sand at its test on the E. H. Epling farm. On Frosen camp run, Curtis district, the same company drilled a test on the Parsons farm into the salt sand and developed a show of oil. On Ready creek, the same company is due in the sand at a test on the L. J. Quisen farm.

On Middle island creek, Ellsworth district, Tyler county, the Reno Oil Company has now drilled its test on the John W. McKay farm and has a gasser with a capacity of 400,000 cubic feet a day. On Muddy creek, in the same district, Watson, Jamison and Company drilled their test on the Frank Smith farm into the same formation and will have a natural producer good for ten barrels a day. On Sancho creek, Engle, Meredith and Company are due in the Keener sand at a test on the A. C. Fish farm.

On Indian creek, McElroy district, Tyler county, the Carter Oil Company drilled a second test on the Mary A. White farm through the Gordon stry sand and developed a fair gasser. In Court House district, Lewis county, the Hope Natural Gas Company completed its test on the E. B. Parr farm and has a gasser in the fifth sand. In Hackers Creek district, the Reserve Gas Company drilled a test on the Hayes Heller farm through the Big Injun sand and has a fair producer.

In Court House district, the Philadelphia Company drilled a test on the John Flester farm through the Gordon sand and developed a light gas pressure. In Saltlick district, U. S. county, the same company got the same kind of a test on the J. S. Curtis farm.

Dusters in Monongalia. On Wades run, Clay district, in gas territory, the West Virginia Traction Company drilled a test on the Williams Hall farm through the Big Injun sand and has a duster. On Indian creek, the Fairmont Gas Company drilled a test on the E. M. Simpson farm through the Gordon sand and had the same kind of luck. On Miracle run, Battelle district, the Moon Oil & Gas Company is due in the sand at a test on the William J. Leacasters farm. On Days run, the Day Brook Oil & Gas Company has the rig completed for a test on the D. L. Ammons farm and the Manufacturers Light & Heat Company has started to drill a test on the Snider heirs' farm.

Drilling and Starting Tests. In various districts there is some test work starting and more under way. On Blue creek, Elk district, Kanawha county, the Jefferson Oil Company is down 1,800 feet at a test on the S. W. Shrader farm. On the same stream and in the same district, the Penna. Crude Oil Company is rigging up at a test on the Nancy Myers farm. On Ohio Fuel Oil Company is drilling a test on the Shonk Garrison tract. On Campbell creek, Maiden district, the same company is drilling on the Henry C. Dickinson farm. On Cobbs creek, Washington district, Lincoln county, the Summit Oil Company made the location for a second test on the Reese Pauley farm but it is held up by litigation. The Tango Oil Company is held up for the same reason at its No. 8 on the Standard Fuel Company's property.

Southeastern Ohio. On the Ohio side in the deep sand the lives of the citizens. Professor Preston Hought, principal of the public schools at Reeders, spent the holidays at his old home near here and returned to his field of work Saturday.

Mrs. Martha Hanagan is a guest of friends at Gratton. Mrs. Justin P. Flynn and children, of Burr Creek, visited Mrs. Virginia Gobert, returning home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Stinger have returned from Morgantown, where they spent Christmas with relatives.

The woman's suffrage organization has committee planning for a number of debates on live and popular subjects during the winter.

Miss Bell Nesbitt, a professional nurse, of Wheeling, has been at home on Water street, during the holidays.

Miss Mamie Patterson, teacher of the Deweytown school, has been spending the holiday vacation with her sister, Mrs. E. E. Gibbons.

territory in Ward township, Hocking county the Nyrpeno Oil Company completed and shot its test on the Elmer James farm and will not have better than a five-barrel pumper. This location is 800 feet south of production.

In the shallow sand territory in the Ross Run district, Independence township, Washington county, dusters outnumber the producers in the list of late completions. Brown Brothers and Company got one at a second test on the Knowlton farm, when they drilled through the Big Injun sand. Bissett Brothers got one of the same kind at No. 3 on the Eckert heirs' farm. In Grandview township, Sykes and Company had the same kind of luck when they drilled through the Big Injun at their test on the C. McMahon farm. During the last week in December West Virginia oil producers sold oil in storage to the amount of 750,000 barrels. At the present market price of crude of the Pennsylvania grade the revenue derived from the sales of these credit balances would come to \$1,587,500. Some producers had been carrying their oil for a good many months and paying storage, which, of course, would have to be deducted from the price at which the oil was sold.

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The boy felt the sting of the ridicule, but regardless of entreaties, refused to adopt waist and trousers, to become a real boy in appearance as well as in fact, and at the same time refused to go to school wearing the dress.

Being eight years old, the boy is required to attend school by the compulsory school law. The school authorities, failing by other means to secure the boy's attendance at school, a few days ago had the father prosecuted before a justice of the peace for failure to comply with the law, and he was fined.

Instead of paying the fine and giving a promise to send the lad to school in the future, however, the father took an appeal to the criminal court of the county, and his appeal is now pending.

# MEXICAN GENERALS

Are to Hold a Conference Soon with Carranza Concerning a Cabinet.

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 1.—General Alvaro Obregon, with his staff, left today for Chihuahua City to confer with General Trevino, in command of the Carranza troops there. A conference of generals, it is understood, is soon to be held with Venustiano Carranza, head of the de-facto government, regarding the appointment of a provisional cabinet. Plans are under way also, it is said, for the entry of Carranza and the army into Mexico City.

# DEATH

From Typhus Fever at Harpoort in Eastern Turkey is Announced.

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 1.—The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions today announced the death from typhus fever at Harpoort, eastern Turkey, of Dr. Henry H. Atkinson, for fourteen years a medical missionary of the board at that station. Dr. Atkinson is the sixth missionary of the board to die within a year from causes attributed to war conditions. He was in charge of the Annie Tracy Riggs Memorial hospital, and was worn out with extra duties arising from the war and an epidemic of typhus fever. He was a graduate of Grinnell College, Iowa, and Cooper Medical College in San Francisco.

# ANGRY

burned, it is said. The one that escaped fire was torn down by negroes to prevent nearby negro homes from being burned should be set on fire. Many Alabama citizens from just across the state line who rushed to the rescue of H. H. Grimesley last night, when an erroneous report was spread that his life was threatened by negroes, returned to their homes today. Some, however, joined the searchers in the swamps.

# MANY ALABAMA MEN WILL MAINTAIN ORDER

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Jan. 1.—Two hundred men left Dothan today for Early county, Ga., to assist the authorities there in maintaining order. The posse, according to the sheriff of Houston county, will do "defensive work."

A careful watch in Montgomery for the lawless negroes reported to be headed this way has developed no trace of them.

# RUSSIANS DEAD

From Wound Made by State Militiamen at Hopewell, Va.

HOPEWELL, Va., Jan. 1.—Leosold Schack, a Russian wounded several days ago by a state militiaman and whose behalf Hopewell's Russian colony sent an appeal to the Russian ambassador at Washington, died at a hospital here today after a sudden relapse that puzzled physicians. His stomach was sent to Richmond for examination by state medical authorities.

# BLACK HAND

Cause Four Buildings to Be Blown Up in Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 1.—A terrific explosion occurring in the midst of the noise of the New Year celebration today blew up four buildings at east Ninth street and Elwood avenue in the foreign quarter of the city. Joseph Rosinski and his wife, who lived in the rear of the structures were missing today. The police, however, could not find bodies in the debris. Rosinski is said to have received a number of threatening letters recently.

# EDUCATOR DIES

BETHANY, Jan. 1.—Professor R. H. Wynne, of Bethany College, a noted educator is dead at his home in this town. Professor Wynne was aged 74 years. He leaves a wife and three sons to mourn his loss.

# SHATTUCK DIES

PARKERSBURG, Jan. 1.—Marion Shattuck, aged 42, keeper of the city park, died at his home at 844 Seventeenth street today. His death was brought about by a complication of diseases from which he had been suffering for several weeks.

# O'Neal Backs Up His Heir Apparent In Decision Not to Wear Breeches Or Attend Public School in Skirts

An Odd Case in Fayette County School Gets into the Courts.

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# SERIES

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lightened and they began coming through.

Lloyd George, minister of munitions, of betraying the liberal traditions of voluntary service and declare that his influence has shifted the balance in the cabinet.

Simons Remains. Sir John A. Simon, secretary for home affairs, has not yet retired from the cabinet, his resignation being held in abeyance, according to today's reports. It is believed that Reginald McKenna, chancellor of the exchequer and Walter Runciman, president of the board of trade, who ordered conscription on financial grounds, have decided to remain with the cabinet.

Groups six to nine of the Derby enlistment plan, which include single men from 24 to 27 years old, probably will be called to arms on February 1.

Roumania Active. Roumania is concentrating three army corps on the Bulgarian frontiers according to French wireless reports.

Sunday is to be observed as a day of intercession throughout the united kingdom when prayers for victory will be offered in every church and chapel of all creeds. Collections for sick and wounded soldiers will be taken.

Other important news of the day was the announcement of the sinking of the Indian-bound British liner Persia near the island of Crete, Thursday afternoon. The Persia carried more than 300 passengers and a crew of between 200 and 300. The cargo was small. Reports received here have given rise to a fear that a majority of the passengers were lost, which if true, makes this the most disastrous result.

of the submarine campaign since the sinking of the Lusitania. Among the passengers were three Americans, Robert McNeely, American consul at Aden; Charles Grant, of Boston, and Edward Rose of Denver. There were also thirty British officers aboard the Persia, bound for India, including Lord Montagu. Cable communication with the East is so slow that details of the disaster are not expected to arrive for a day or two. A majority of the Persia's passengers were British, bound for India, including many women.

The New Year's holiday has given a rest to the political agitation over conscription. The traditional secrecy enshrouding cabinet deliberations have been thrown to the winds during the last week. The main facts of the debate within the cabinet became promptly known, particularly the fact that Premier Asquith proposed to introduce a conscription bill and also the fact that the cabinet is in favor of the enlistment of all unmarried men who failed to respond to Lord Derby's call for recruits. A small portion of the liberal press strongly opposes Premier Asquith's supposed policy.

# RUSSIAN STATEMENT OF WAR OPERATIONS

PETROGRAD, Jan. 1, via London, Jan. 2, 12:39 a. m.—The following official communication was issued today:

"Western (Russian) front: South of the Pripiet region, the fighting continues with undiminished desperation. In the sector of the Bzr between the Kovel and Sarnak railway and the village of Gortortrak, we crossed to the left bank of the Bzr and."

Captured the Village of Kriasi. Desperate counter attacks by the enemy with the object of driving us back to the right bank of the Bzr were unsuccessful as also were attempts to expel us from the region of Milsheff southwest of Kolkli.

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# BRITISH STATEMENT OF WAR OPERATIONS

LONDON, Jan. 1, 11:35 p. m.—The following communication was issued tonight:

"The British officer commanding in Egypt reports under today's date that our force which advanced from Matruh (Akra Matruh) to round up

# NO PURCHASE

Declares the Manager of the Nationals until His Status is Cleared Up.

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—Roger Bresnahan, manager of the Chicago Nationals, in a statement today, announced he would do nothing toward purchasing the Cleveland American Association franchise for the purpose of transferring it to Toledo until his status with the Chicago club had been cleared up in his statement, he said:

"My contract with the Chicago National League baseball club calls for me to manage the club for two more years. I intend to be manager for that length of time and the minute anyone tries to put in another man there will be a fight. It is not enough that the club fulfills its obligations. That is only part of the contract. I must also be continued as manager."

Charles Weeghman, owner of the Chicago Federals, had previously announced that Joe Tanker, manager of the Federals, would head the club when he had completed the deal to take over the Nationals.

# FORD HOME

Ship Bringing Him Back from His Trip to Europe Arrives in New York.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—The Norwegian-American liner Bergensfjord on which Henry Ford is returning from his peace mission to Europe arrived at quarantine at 12:52 o'clock this morning and will dock in Brooklyn at 9 o'clock. Mr. Ford probably will leave the vessel at quarantine however and finish his journey to New York aboard a tug or a coast guard cutter. It was said last night that preparations have been made by Dudley Field Malone, collector of the port, to go down the bay early this morning to meet the returning pacifist.

Mr. Ford's wife and his son, Edsel Ford, arrived here yesterday afternoon accompanied by several friends to await his coming. It is expected the party will leave for Detroit some time this afternoon.

# LOSS OF LIFE

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from casualty for their ships and added prophetically:

"Of course we cannot tell when a disaster may overtake us."

The Peninsula and Oriental Steamship Company stated officially this afternoon that the Persia had left London December 26 carrying British mail bound for Bombay and that it was sunk off the island of Crete. Only four boats got away from the ship. These boats were picked up by a steamer bound for Alexandria and the survivors were expected there this morning.

Heavy Loss Feared. The names of the passengers saved have not yet been received. They will be published as soon as possible. The company's statement says it is feared that the loss of life among the passengers and crew will be heavy. Officials of the Peninsula and Oriental line say they are unable to give any information concerning American citizens on the Persia. They say the steamship carried a large number of persons but that no official figures are available as yet. Passenger lists have not been published since the beginning of the war. The Persia was reported at Malta on December 30. The army officers on-board the Persia, it is learned, were ordinary booked passengers and were not on active service in the British army. The crew of the Persia numbered between 250 and 300 men. They were, virtually all, lascars. There was not much cargo aboard the Persian but it was carrying very heavy mail.

Only Sixty Saved. The four boats which got away from the sinking vessel were capable of carrying sixty persons each, but it is not known if the boats were full.

Lord Montagu was proceeding to India to assume the post of inspector of mechanical transport vehicles. He appeared in the list of New Year honorees, being given the order of the star of India for services in connection with the war. Officials of the Peninsula and Oriental Steamship Company announced today that the Persia carried no war material.

Is the Official Name Given New Year by the Chinese.

SAFETY UP CASH BOND. A man giving the name of T. L. Donahue was arrested Saturday night in West Main street for drunkenness and taken to the city lock-up by Policeman W. J. Davidson. Later in the night he sobered up and was released under a cash bond of \$5.00.

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# SITUATION

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offer the explanation that there had not been sufficient time for new instructions conforming to the assurance contained in the last Ascona note to reach submarine commanders. It was pointed out that this note was delivered to Ambassador Fendell only Wednesday and that the attack on the Persia occurred regarding submarine attacks went forth from Vienna coincidentally with the delivery of the note or at some previous time, is not known here.

Should such an explanation from Vienna be accompanied with proper disavowal and provision for reparation it was considered likely that the United States department are not inclined to doubt the good faith of the assurances given by Austria in its last note.

# TAKES OVER INTEREST.

PARIS, Jan. 1, 4:45 a. m.—The American consul, John E. Kehl, has taken over the interests at Salonika of Austria-Hungary, according to the correspondent at Athens of the Havas News Agency.

# SHOCK FELT.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 1.—An earthquake shock was felt here this afternoon beginning at 4:03 o'clock and continuing about ten seconds, followed by lighter tremors. No damage was done.

# AL RINGLING DEAD.

(By Associated Press.) BARABO, Wis., Jan. 1.—Al Ringling, 60 years old, died here today of Bright's disease. He has been ill about a year. Mr. Ringling was the oldest of the Ringling Brothers circus owners, who say their widowed headquarters here. Mr. Ringling is survived by a widow.

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